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SUBJECT: US-GOI RESEARCH PROJECT ON BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF
CROP PESTS

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THE SUBJECT PROPOSAL WAS DISCUSSED WITH DR. M.S. SWAMINATHAN, DIRECTOR GENERAL, ICAR, ON JULY 16, 1975, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE POSITION THE GOI WOULD TAKE IN THE EVENT ADVERSE GRANT PUBLICITY OCCURRED. THIS MEETING WAS SCHEDULED IN CONSULTATION WITH DR. W.W. WILLIAMS, COUNSELOR FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL AFFAIRS, WHO HAD RECENTLY DISCUSSED WITH ISSUE WITH DR. NAG CHAUDHURI, CO-CHAIRMAN, INDO-US SUBCOMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

SWAMINATHAN STATED THAT GOI SECRETARY PROF. M.G.K. MENON, A DEFENCE MINISTER'S SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR WAS NOW EXAMINING THE PROPOSAL FOR POSSIBLE AREAS WHERE SENSITIVITIES COULD ARISE. CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO CHANGING THE TITLE TO "INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PROJECT" WITH POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF OTHER CONTROL AGENTS THAN INTRODUCED ENEMIES OF CROP PESTS.

SWAMINATHAN FELT THAT WHEN DEFENCE CLEARANCE FOR THE PROJECT HAS BEEN GIVEN, THERE WOULD BE NO HESITATION FOR ICAR TO RISE TO ITS DEFENSE IF QUESTIONS ARE RAISED IN PARLIAMENT.

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HE INDICATED THAT WE SHOULD BE HEARING FROM THEM IN THIS

REGARD IN 2 TO 3 WEEKS.

A SCIENTIFIC EVALUATION COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED TO ANSWER
THE CHARGES PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE
CONCERNING A7-ENT-96 ON MICROBIAL PESTICIDES AT PANTNAGAR.
MEMBERS ARE DR. SUKHDEV SINGH, DY, D.G., AND DR. S.N. BANERJEE,
PLANT PROTECTION ADVISOR, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE.

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